DISASTER DECLARATION

WHEREAS, as a result of extremely heavy amounts of water resulting from unusually large accumulations of snow in South Dakota during the period December, January, February, and March, and

WHEREAS, in many areas of the State due to weather conditions this snow accumulation was retained and throughout the winter caused a continued danger of life and property of the residents, and

WHEREAS, now the snow has melted rapidly causing the largest concentration of water in recorded history to flow to lower elevations, and

WHEREAS, this runoff which began April 2, 1969, has now accelerated to cause extreme flooding in the James River, Vermillion River, and Big Sioux River basins:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANK L. FARRAR, Governor of the State of South Dakota, under the provisions of Chapter 41.01C of the 1960 Supplement to South Dakota Code of 1939, otherwise known as the Civil Defense Law, do hereby proclaim and declare Edmunds County a

DISASTER AREA

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED that the designation of Edmunds County as a DISASTER AREA under the authority of the President of the United States will be requested in order to make available to the State of South Dakota and its political subdivisions such assistance as might be available from all branches of the Federal Government for the immediate repair and restoration of essential public facilities so damaged as a result of flooding.

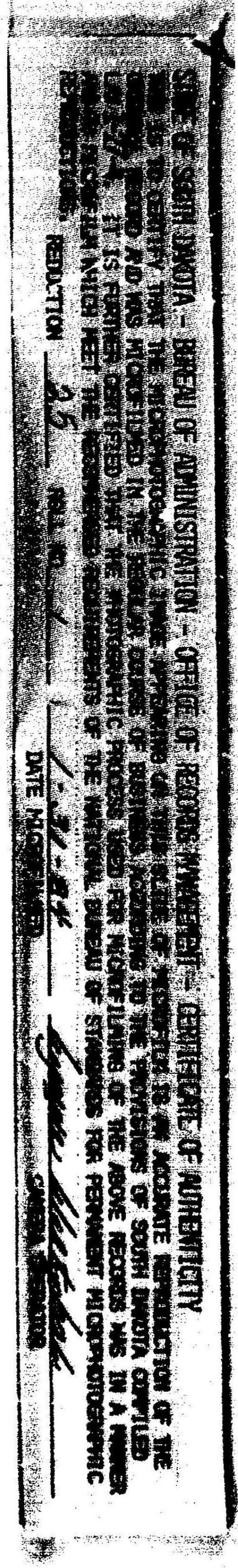
IT IS FURTHER DECLARED that the resources available to State Government are to be utilized under the coordination of the State Civil Defense Office in support of Local Government efforts in the protection of life and public property in the affected areas.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capitol City, this 11th day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Sixty-Nine.

Frank L Farrar

FRANK L. FARRAR, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alma Larson

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE